

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

amending Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems
affecting intra-Community trade in meat products

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On 21 December 1976 the Council adopted the Directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products⁽¹⁾ whose entry into force was fixed for 1 July 1979.

However, it has become clear that the entry into force on the date fixed by this Directive would entail certain restrictions in the movement of some products, justification for which restrictions has in the meantime been forwarded to the Council.

In order to ensure maximum fluidity in trade, it appears necessary to reconsider certain existing provisions and to make any alterations to them which might appear necessary.

In order not to prejudge these solutions and pending their emergence, it is necessary to defer by one year the date of the entry into force of the above Directive. The attached draft was prepared for this purpose.

⁽¹⁾ O.J. No L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, when Council Directive 77/99/EEC takes effect as planned on
1 July 1979, this will not completely achieve the desired objective of
harmonized liberation of intra-Community trade because of subsequent
problems of animal health; whereas, in order to achieve this objective,
certain amendments should be made to existing Community provisions in
respect of fresh-meat, including fresh-poultrymeat,

Whereas, pending the necessary action and the adoption of the appropriate
decisions, the application of the abovementioned Directive should be post-
poned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

In the first paragraph of Article 22 of Directive 77/99/EEC, the date
"1 July 1979" is replaced by "1 July 1980".

In the second paragraph of Article 22 of Directive 77/99/EEC, the words
"shall be obligatory only from 15 February 1980" are replaced by the
following: "shall be obligatory from 1 July 1980".

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(1) O.J. No L 26 of 31.1.1977, p. 85

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

